OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF 'PARLIAMENTARY-AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It would be examined.

Objectivity of personality tests

3063. SHRI RAMGOPAL YADAV;
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH;
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Civil Services students who otherwise secure high marks in the main examination are rejected in the Personality Tests (Interview) though they had taken consecutive examinations;

(b) whether it *is* a fact that the Interview marks have also been considerably raised by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC);

(c) whether Government have ex amined the objectivity of the perso nality tests for civil Services Exami nation and desirability of raising the marks for personality tests by the-UPSC;

'(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) the changes if any, contemplated *by* Government in the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PEN SIONS WITH ADDITIONAL .CHARGE. OF .THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF " PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI-' MATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir. There are no minimum. qualifying marks fixed for the Inter, view Test

(b) The marks prescribed for the Interview 'Test have been marginally raised from 250 to 300 with! effect from the Civii Services Examination, 1993.

(c) to (e) Ensuring objectivity of the Personality Test for Civii Services Examination in a matter within the ourview of Union Public Service Commission. However, the role of Interview Test and its relative weightage was considered by an Expert Committee appointed by the Commission under the Chairmanship of Prof. Satish Chandra, Ex-Chairman, University Grants Commission. Only after considering the recommendation of the Committee the present decision to increase the relative weightage of Interview Test has been brought about by the Govt,/Commission.

सहायकों और उच्च श्रेणी लिपिकों के बीच के अन्तर को कम किया जाना

3064. श्रीमती कैलाशपति : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार केन्द्रीय सरकार/दिल्ली प्रशासन/दिल्ली नगर निगम के कार्यालयों में कार्यरत सहायकों और उच्च श्रेणी लिपिकों के पदों के वेतनमानों के बीच के अन्तर को कम करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन वेतनमानों को कब तक लागू कर दिए जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्रीमती मार्गेट आल्वा): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।